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Johnston Baptist Organizations



Minutes for
1938

MINUTES

—OF THE—

FIFTY-SECOND SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

—AND—

THE SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

JOHNSTON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Annual Session

Held With The

White Oak Hill Baptist Church

NEAR MIDDLESEX, N. C. — OCT. 14-16, 1938

Rev. W. Barnes, Pastor

SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION

—Held With—

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH — SMITHFIELD, N. C.

Rev. G. W. Todd, Pastor

Next annual session will be held with Galilee Baptist Church, Near
Smithfield, N. C. — Oct. 13-15, 1939, Rev. N. C. Sanders, Pastor

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Green Hill, J. B. Barfield, H. J. Sanders and Bert McNeil
 Henderson Chapel: Williams Sanders and E. D. Sanders.
 Walker's Chapel: E. Jefferson
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 Oaky Grove: N. A. Bush, Arthur Judkins, Percy Nichols and L. W. Williamson.
 Johnston Piney Grove: M. P. Finch, I. W. Trotter, C. A. Tomlinson, Donnie Sanders, Geo. Smith and F. W. Barnes.
 Excelsior: W. A. Mitchiner and Lizzie Lee.
 Green Chapel: Jas. Watson, Leon Penney and John Watson.
 Southern Grove; C. H. Ruffie and J. S. Southern.
 Silver Chapel: M. A. Holder, Wm. Holder and Joseph Holder
 Galilee: A. F. Sanders, F. V. Sanders, Walter J. Sanders and Walter Moore.
 First Baptist, Clayton: W. A. Hill, Jas. Conyer, John Hinton, N. Morgan.
 New Vester: Chas. Kent, Joe Deans, John Davis, Ned Kent, Preston Bunn, W. H. Horton, Harry Dunston and Wm. Darden.
 Dawson St.: John Robinson.
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Watts Chapel: H. B. Thomas, Wm. Barbec and Wm. Ballentine.

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Good Samaritan: J. B. Farmer, D. C. Tomlinson and Thomas Morgan.

Fayetteville St., Raleigh: H. S. Baker, Wm. Scarboro, N. F. Perry, J. S. Richberg, Mongo Kelly, Sidney Dunn, W. R. Rodgers; McCoy Former, Frank Dunn, Henry Davis, Willie Bank and Earle Stanback.

Spring Hill: George Oneal, Chas Whitley, Ransom Holder and William Dunn.

Lees Cross Road: B. C. Merritt, N. H. Watson, M. H. Watson, Roman Watson, D. M. Merritt, C. E. Richardson and L. B. Watson.

First Baptist, Smithfield: W H. Sanders, J. A. Holden, Henry Nichols, B. Watson, A. W. Penny and R. D. Mitchiner.

White Oak Hill: J. B. Barnes, C. R. Richardson, D. C. Richardson, W. D. Wiggins, S. M. Ellis and J. D. Ellis.

Sanders Grove, Near Benson, Leander Sanders.

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

Walker's Chapel: Rev. T. J. Walker.

New Bethel: Bro. Elliott Mitchell and Mrs. Lenora Mitchell.

Mt. Carmel: Rev. C. W. Wall.

Green Hill: Rev. R. Penny and Rev. E. C. Coley.

Henderson Chapel: Bro. Thomas Davis.

First Baptist, Selma: Bros. C. C. Lewis, R. L. Lassiter, C. H. Sanders, M. N. Lewis, Mrs. R. Bunn, and Mrs. Adelia Sanders

First Baptist, Wilson Mills.

Oaky Grove: Arthur Judkins.

Johnston Piney Grove: Deacon Ira Trotter, and Rev. C. W. Wall.

Excelsior: Deacon W. A. Mitchiner.

Breen Chapel: Deacon Leon Penny and Rev. W. H. Mitchiner.

Southern Grove: Mrs. Alpha Spells.

Silvia Chapel: Rev. W. H. O. Watson.

Galilee: Rev. N. C. Sanders, Deacons A. F. Sanders and W. J. Sanders.

First Baptist, Clayton: Deacons W. A. Hill and Jas. Conyers.

New Vester: Deacons Chas. Kent and Joe Deans.

Dawson St., Raleigh: Mrs. Gertrude Perry and Deacon John Robinson.

First Baptist, Kenly: Bro. George Berry.

Watts Chapel, Bro. Wm. Dennis.
 Strickland Grove: Rev. W G. McSwain and Deacon G. W. Sanders.
 Fayetteville St., Raleigh: Deacon Earle Stanback.
 Spring Hill: Deacon Oneal and Miss L. M. Hood.
 Lees Cross Road: Deacons L. B. Watson and D. M. Merritt, and Rev. C. H. Heath.
 First Baptist, Smithfield: Deacon W. H. Sanders.
 White Oak Hill: Mrs. Mamie Debman, Bros. J. B. Barnes and B. F. Barnes.
 Sanders Grove, near Benson: Bros. L. Sanders and James Thomas.

CONSTITUTION

Article 1. This body shall be known as "The Johnston Baptist Association.

Article 2. The object of this Association shall be promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men, namely: Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Shaw University. The means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity with the New Testament.

Article 3. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connector with it, each church being entitled to two or more delegates. Ministers who are members of Missionary Baptist Churches in good standing may become annual members by paying \$1.00 at any annual meeting; provided ministers who aided in the organization of this Association shall be considered members so long as they remain in good standing in any Missionary Baptist Church.

Article 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, giving account of the condition of the church and statement of all funds contributed for benevolent purposes during the term.

Article 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Auditor, Historian and Director of Religious Education, who shall be elected annually by the Association. In addition to these there shall be elected annually by the Association an Executive Board, provided that the Moderator and the Clerk be ex-officio members.

Article 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside during the deliberation of the body, to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve decorum, appoint committees, decide all questions of order giving his opinion concerning any question under discussion after others have spoken or when called upon to give the casting vote in case of tie.

Article 7. It shall be the duty of the clerk to record proceedings of each session, and superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes among the churches.

Article 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches or collected during these sessions of this body, and to disburse the same for the purpose for which they were collected. He shall not pay orders drawn on the Treasurer except it be signed by the Moderator and Clerk of the Association.

Article 9 Any church desiring to become a member of this body shall present its petition at an annual session of the Association through delegates appointed for the purpose, and if the Association shall consent to receive, the Moderator shall extend to the delegates the right hand of fellowship.

Article 10. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any church or churches that neglects to preserve good order.

Article 11. The Association may invite visiting brethren to seats and extend to them all the privileges save that of voting.

Article 12. The annual session of this body shall convene on Friday, 10 a. m., before the third Sunday in October of each year and at such place as this body may elect, and close on Sunday afternoon.

Article 13. The ministers composing the Association shall hold three ministerial meetings a year in places as the brethren may designate.

Article 14. We will receive no ministers into the Association but those who have good moral character. Each ordained minister \$1.00; licensed minister, 50c; deacon, 25c, and lay member 15c annual fee.

Article 15. By appointment of this Association there shall be preached during each annual session an introductory, educational, doctrinal and missionary sermon.

Article 17. This constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

(Revised October, 1936.)

PROCEEDINGS OF SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION

Smithfield, N. C.

May 29, 1938

This organization opened its Semi-annual session at 10:45 a. m. with Moderator J. W. Jones presiding. The devotions were led by Revs. P. A. McCoy and E. D. Pretty. "Amazing Grace" was led by Rev. Pretty. Rev. McCoy read the 23rd Psalm. We joined Bro. Walton Gails in prayer.

Moderator Jones made suitable remarks expressing hopes for cooperation, exchange of ideas, etc. Program was approved for the

session. Matter of minutes of the association coming from press was called to attention.

The following churches and delegates were enrolled: First Baptist, Smithfield, Deacon G. H. Smith; First Baptist, Clayton, Deacon W. A. Hill; Oaky Grove, Deacon L. W. Williamson; First Baptist Selma, Deacon C. H. Sanders; Galilee, Deacon F. V. Sanders; Dawson St., Rev. R. L. Perry; New Vester, Rev. W. H. Mitchiner; Fayetteville St., Rev. J. W. Jones; New Hill, Rev. P. A. McCoy; Excelsior, Deacon W. A. Mitchiner; St. Amanda, Rev. H. E. Clark; New Bethel, Rev. H. E. Clark; First Baptist, Wilson Mills, Rev. C. H. Heath; Strickland Grove, Rev. C. H. Heath; Good Samaritan, Rev. C. H. Heath.

The following named were appointed to constitute the Finance Committee—Deacons G. H. Smith, A. F. Sanders and C. H. Sanders. In absence of Deacon Percy Nichols Rev. E. D. Pretty led the discussion—"How and Why Should Church Members Support the Church". He gave an interesting talk on the following that members should support: (1) By punctual and regular attendance upon church worship and other activities, (2) Give practical co-operation with church plans, (3) Contribute financially to the church as blessed by the Lord, (4) Church is a family of godly believers and rightly plans upon its members for all aspects of support. Others that spoke along the same line were Bros. J. A. Byrd and W. A. Hill, Revs. C. H. Heath and A. B. Johnson.

Rev. E. D. Pretty was selected to preach in the place of Rev. W. H. O. Watson. Rev. Pretty accompanied by Rev. H. E. Clark made ready for the sermon. Rev. Pretty gave a message from the text found in St. John 14:16. We joined Rev. Clark in singing, "I am thine."

The following named ministers paid 50c fee each:

Revs. J. W. Jones, Walter Gails, W. H. Mitchnier, 25c—C. H. Heath, P. A. McCoy, J. W. Powell, E. D. Pretty, R. L. Perry and H. E. Clark. Fees and offering given \$5.05

Benediction.

In the afternoon beginning at 3 o'clock the devotions were directed by Revs. R. L. Perry and C. W. Wall. A great address was delivered by Prof. J. W. Mitchell, Federal Farm Agent, Greensboro, N. C., on "Crop Production and Economics as Related to Farm Life."

The following paid fees—Rev. N. C. Sanders 50c, Rev. E. C. Coley 25c.

Benediction.

The evening session was held at the Johnston County Training School following luncheon served at the same place through

the arrangement of the host church and Principal W. R. Collins. The luncheon and evening session were pleasant and profitable occasions.

Among those that made talks at the evening session were—Dr. C. W. Furlonge and Mr. G. H. Smith tendered welcomes as citizens; several faculty members of the school spoke helpfully relative to their particular work—Mrs. Plyer, Home Economics; Mr. Hayes, Manual Training; Mr. Winstead, Vocational Agriculture. Those that made brief expressions on the part of the association were Mr. J. A. Byrd, and Revs. N. C. Sanders, E. D. Pretty, A. A. Hartley, W. H. Mitchiner, G. W. Todd and A. B. Johnson

All viewed with deep interest the splendid display of various types of work done by the school.

Sunday morning, May 29, 1938 at 9:30 o'clock Sunday School was opened with Mr. M. N. Lewis presiding. Several song selections were had and Deacon G. H. Smith led the prayer.

Classes were taught and reported thusly:

Teacher	No. In Class	Offering
Mrs. Hariet Ellis	3.....	\$.08
Miss Nellie Royner .....	.....	.14
Rev. A. A. Hartly	2.....	.40
Mr. J. A. Byrd	12.....	1.15
Mr. F. V. Sanders	4.....	.19
Mrs. M. A. Lewis	6.....	.86
Mr. Edgar Sanders .....	.....	.36
Mr. Percy Nichols .....	.....	.81
Miss Helen Todd .....	.....	.50
Rev. E. D. Pretty	8.....	.80
Mr. Willis Sanders	6.....	.11
Rev. E. C. Coley .....	.....	.35

—————Total \$5.75

The lesson review was made by Rev. G. W. Todd, Supt. Lewis made fitting closing remarks.

At 11:15 with Rev. H. R. Holt presiding the regular morning worship began. The choir of the entertaining church led in singing, "Holy, Holy." Rev. Holt offered prayer. We further sang, "My Faith looks up to Thee". Luke 17:1-19 was read. Rev E. D. Pretty led the prayer. Following another selection by the choir Rev. Holt presented Rev. W. C. Somerville, Gen. Sec. of the General Baptist State Convention of N. C. to deliver the gospel message of the hour. His great discourse grew out of Luke 17:17.

Public offering was given to the sum of \$6.11. The following

named paid 25c fees each— Revs. A. A. Hartly, R. Penny, H. R. Holt, Wm. McSwain, Deacon J. B. Farmer and Bro. Odel Williams. By motion it was decided to have a special Executive Board and Pastor's meeting for the purpose of planning the work of the association. That meeting was scheduled to be held at Shaw University, June 15, 1938.

The report of the Finance committee showed \$44.26 contributed. The following disbursements were made: Programs, postage etc., \$5.00; W. C. Somerville for State Missions \$12.50; Union Reformer \$5.00; Rev. E. D. Pretty, sermon \$1.00; Rev. G. W. Todd, pastor \$5.00; Johnston County Training School \$5.00.

Benediction, Rev. H. R. Holt.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE 52ND ANNUAL SESSION

The Johnson Baptist Association opened its 52nd annual session Friday morning, 10:45 o'clock, Oct. 14, 1938; White Oak Hill Baptist Church, near Middlesex, N. C. Rev. W. G. Barnes, pastor. In the absence of Moderator J. W. Jones and Vice-Moderator A. A. Hartly — Rev. H. R. Holt called the meeting to order and presided.

The devotionals were led by Revs. C. H. Heath and P. A. McCoy. "I heard the voice of Jesus saying" was sung with Rev. G. W. Todd leading. We sang further with Rev. Heath: "Leaning on Jesus," also, hymn no. 33. The 51st Psalm was read by Rev. Heath. Rev. McCoy led us to a throne of grace in prayer. We then joined Rev. Heath in singing "Jesus is my everything."

Rev. J. W. Jones, Moderator, having arrived assumed his duties and made timely remarks. Rev. W. S. Barnes, pastor, extended a cordial welcome. A hearty and fitting response was made by Rev. R. Penny.

The roll of churches was had in an endeavor to ascertain "The condition of the Field." The following pertinent replies were given: First Baptist, Kenly, in better condition than last year by Brother Geo. Berry; Rev. E. C. Coley, Green Hill is in good condition; New Vester is in love and union by Deacon J. S. Deans; Miss Lillian Hood stated Spring Hill is on the upgrade spiritually and financially; Lees Cross Road progress is evidenced in increased membership by conversion and baptism by Dea. D. M. Merritt; Deacon A. F. Sanders gave us to understand that Galilee is still in front ranks; First Baptist of Smithfield has a good pastor and is following his leadership to enlarged success by Deacon Willis Sanders; Rev. P. A. McCoy told us the \$25.00 donation by the association to the New Hill Church was well spent and the church has made material and spiritual progress; Brother Nichols said

Oaky Grove ranks as one of the best in the association and would not be satisfied at anything less; Deacon G. W. Sanders made it understood that Strickland Grove even though small but has the quality of the best; Deacon C. H. Sanders represented the First Baptist Church of Selma as being in symmetrically good condition; Brother Chas. Morgan said Good Samaritan is doing well; Fayetteville St. of Raleigh is greatly improving church plant and is making more effective its program, said Dea. E. Stanback; Dea. L. Penny said Green Chapel has had a splendid year in that goodly number of promising members have been added to the church by the profession of saving grace; Watts Chapel was described as a good church with safe leadership by Bro. Dennis Mrs. M. Debnam said White Oak Hill speaks for itself in entertaining the association; Deacon Ira Trotter said Johnston Piney Grove continues to improve; Mrs. L. Mitchell made to understand that New Bethel is still giving good account of itself.

Rev. G. W. Todd called attention to the importance of doing work for missions and christian education through the Unified Program.

The following named persons were given to constitute the Enrollment Committee and set to work: Miss Lillian Hood. Deacons L. B. Watson and Leon Penny.

By motion Rev. R. Crocket was selected to preach the Introductory Sermon in place of Rev. S. F. Benjamin who was absent on account of illness.

Rev. W. H. Pair was joined in singing — "The Word of God Shall Stand." We united with Rev. G. W. Todd in singing a hymn Rev. A. A. Hartly read 1 Pet. 1:1-17. Rev. W. H. Pair led a fervent prayer. Rev. Crocket gave Mat. 22:42 for his text. He preached a powerful and practical sermon in the typical and peculiar Crocket style, emphasizing the necessity of believing, recognizing and trusting Jesus as (1) mediator, (2) his virgin birth, (3) baptism (4) living his life.

"What a Fellowship" was heartily sung with Rev. G. W. Todd. An offering was given to the sum of \$6.15.

Benediction was pronounced by Rev. R. Crocket.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

At 2:45 o'clock the devotions were had with Revs. E. D. Pretty and N. C. Sanders directing. "Shine on Me" was sung with Rev. Pretty in the lead. Rev Sanders lined and led—"Am I a Soldier of the Cross?" Rev. Pretty read 1 Tim. 3rd chapter and led the prayer. We further sang with Rev. Sanders — 'Amazing Grace.' Rev. Pretty gave a devotional message—"Spiritual Gui-

dance in Preaching," calling attention (1) Spirit gives penetrating power (2). It gives correct interpretation.

Vice-Moderator A. A. Hartly presented Moderator J. W. Jones who delivered a timely annual message—"The Christian Battle in Life."

By motion the message was commended, received and placed in the hand of the following named committee: Rev. G. W. Todd, H. L. Clark and C. H. Heath. By motion it was agreed to have a committee on Revisal of constitution.

Bro. J. W. Mitchiner, historian made report, adopted—The report of Rev. C. H. Heath for B. Y. P. U. Convention was adopted.

Rev. N. C. Sanders reported for the Union meeting. It was adopted.—Bro. A. F. Sanders gave a very gratifying report for the Board of Trustees which was adopted.

Rev. W. H. Mitchiner, Treasurer, made his annual report. It was heartily adopted.

Special announcement was made that the Executive Board would meet tomorrow afternoon immediately following dinner and all pastors along with others directly concerned be present and participants.

The committee on New Bodies composed of Revs. G. W. Todd R. Crocket, A. A. Hartly, W. H. Mitchiner, and Deacon D. M. Merritt recommended the admission of the Walker's Chapel Church, near Townsville, N. C. The recommendation of the committee was adopted and the right hand of fellowship was heartily extended.—Rev. W. O. Merritt and John Watson were visitors introduced. They made wholesome expressions.

Offering — 81c ——— Benediction—Rev. H. R. Holt.

FRIDAY EVENING

At 7:30 o'clock Revs. T. J. Walker and H. E. Clark conducted the devotions, Rev. Walker was joined in singing—"What are they doing in Heaven?" Rev. Clark lined and sang hymn No. 388. Rev. Walker read 2 Peter. 2:1-10 and led in a searching prayer. — Rev. W. H. Mitchiner made an interesting reminiscent talk. Revs. H. R. Holt and A. B. Johnson made befitting talks on "Spiritual Guidance in Educational Preparation." —Moderator J. W. Jones lined and led with fervor the singing — "A Charge to Keep I have." Rev. H. E. Clark moved us mightily in singing—"Lift Him Up."

Ec. 12:9 was the text by Rev. A. A. Hartly in preaching a masterly Educational Sermon. The minister declared with convincing thought (1) The church is a vital center for shaping rightful

destiny, (2) The pulpit needs to inform the people of practical needs, (3) People need to be brought face to face with problems, (4) Strong and vigorous leaders needed, (5) Teachers needed to be active supporters of church program.

Dean J. L. Tilley, School of Religion at Shaw University, made an informative talk about Shaw University and an effective appeal for it.

An offering was taken to the sum of \$3.00

SATURDAY MORNING

Saturday morning, at 10 o'clock, devotions were conducted by Rev. E. C. Coley and Rev. Walter Gails. Rev. Coley was joined in singing a hymn. Rev. Gails read the scripture and led the prayer. We united with Rev. Coley in singing—"My soul be on thy guard."

Rev. W. C. Somerville, General Secretary, General Baptist State Convention of N. C., gave a message emphasizing the work of that organization and our contribution to it. Rev. H. R. Holt Director of Religious Education, made his annual report. It gave the plans for the work and showed good work done. The report was adopted.

Following the singing of the hymn by Rev. J. W. Jones — "Come ye that love the Lord." Rev. W. H. Pair announced John 3:17 for his text. The sermon was well delivered and filled with practical thoughts of missionary import.

Mrs. Roberta Bunn made timely remarks relative to the sermon and missionary work appealing for the promotion of missions in our churches.

The following named ordained ministers paid annual fees of one dollar each: Revs. H. E. Clark, J. W. Jones, W. H. Pair, C. H. Heath, W. H. Mitchiner, Wm. McSwain, T. J. Walker; E. D. Pretty, C. W. Wall, W. S. Barnes, A. A. Hartly; N. C. Sanders, R. Crocket, G. W. Todd, P. A. McCoy; O. W. Richardson and A. B. Johnson; 50c each R. L. Perry, R. Penny, W. H. O. Watson and H. R. Holt.

Licensed preachers that paid annual fees of 50c each: W. H. Horton, E. C. Coley, John Heath, Lloyd Stokes; Thos. Davies; J. T. Hocut I. C. Lee, Wm. Giles;—25c each J. A. Mitchiner, Odel Williams and Walter Gails.

Fees \$22.50 — Public offering \$2.50

Dr. C. C. Somerville, Portsmouth, Va., made an inspirational message on reading proper literature.

Benediction — Rev. W. H. Pair.

Saturday afternoon, 2:30 o'clock, opening was in charge of the woman's organizations of the association under the direction of Mrs. Roberta Bunn and others. More than an hour was spent in that phase of work. An offering of \$2.26 was given. Following this the association resumed deliberations and the following committee reports were made and adopted: On Moderator's Address; Resolutions, Revisal of Constitutions, Education, Sermons, Temperance, officers and Place.

By motion Revs. C. H. Heath and A. A. Hartly were made delegates to General Baptist State Convention of N. C., that will convene at Kirston, N. C., November 1-3, 1938

Prof. W. R. Collins made a practical talk calling attention to importance of registering for Welfare work help.

We, the members of the Executive Board recommend the following: (1) That ass'n. give Bro. Jas. W. Kelly the unpaid balance of loan, (2) that association endeavor to collect all other outstanding loans, (3) that it will be the policy of the association to make no other loans, (4) that Bro. M. N. Lewis succeed the late G. H. Smith on the Board of Trustees.

We, your Trustee Board, submit the following annual financial report; Money Received from Rents:

Nov. \$22.00, Dec. \$22.00	Jan. \$27.50, Feb. \$22.00
Mar. \$22.00, Apr. \$22.00	May \$22.00, June \$27.50
July \$22.00, Aug. \$22.00,	Sept. \$22.00, Total \$273.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Oct.	To Insurance	\$ 6.58
Nov.	To Stopping Leak	4.13
Feb.	To Repairing of Pump	3.50
Mar.	To New Pump Location	3.20
	To Collecting Agent Services	27.30
	To Rev. W. H. Mitchiner, Treasurer	228.29
Total		273.00

Respectfully submitted,

A. F. Sanders, W. A. Hill, Chas. Sanders, Percy Nichols

The Union Meeting has held three meetings during the year counting the meeting in connection with Semi-annual session of the association in May. Interest has been kept fairly alive, Benefits have been constructive. The financial aspects are as follows—Brought forward \$7.68, collected during the year \$23.05. Total \$30.73; disbursements during the year \$19.09.

Respectfully submitted

Rev. N. C. Sanders, Sec.

MODERATOR'S ANNUAL MESSAGE

SUBJECT: The Christian Battle In This Life

This is a body of men and women who are delegates of Johnston Baptist Association. Some of the people of God who for a number of years have yoked themselves together to pull down the strong hold of Satan's Kingdom and to build up the Kingdom of Christ.

We, as the Christians who are battling for the Lord, should take God's Word as our guide. In Matt. 11:29, Jesus said to those who were laboring under the Roman yoke or Government: "Take my yoke upon you and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly in heart and ye shall find rest for your soul."

We, as a body, are fighting a great battle of this age. We can read of the great wars and we don't know when our sons shall be called out to shoulder the great task that may confront our government.

My brethren, when we think of the cruelties heaped upon Joseph in the land of Egypt and the hardships Daniel encountered on his way from common citizenship by way of the lion's den to throne of a king.

We are apt, my brethren, to underestimate the skill and force of the age. But I wish to remind you that the enemies of the cross and of Jesus Christ were never so close as now.

I wish I knew as a truth that all Christian Believers were yoked together with that determination to fight every enemy that has risen up against the cause of Christ.

I am expecting some day to hear the call from the Holy Ghost. Through his agents on earth that all Believers in Calvary, the Manager and the Tomb shall be asked to participate. And at this call every Christian of every creed and of every denomination to unite and with siege of guns and work, prayer and song, shoot down every saloon under the sun and lay ruin to every house of dissipation.

Dear Brethren and sisters let me implore you in the name of God the Father of the universe to yoke yourselves together for the capture of the universe.

I implore you, dear friends, to put on the yoke of Faith. Next, I implore all who have faith in God to join the church. A christian in the world without church membership reminds me of lost meteor or a ship in mid ocean with a full view, plenty of steam and a full cargo, but bound for nowhere. Can you contemplate this pitiful sight?

Some people love the church as long as they like the preacher. But, when they and the preacher fall out, they take off the yoke.

Dear brethren we misunderstand this critical age. Let us consecrate our lives more fully to God that we may use the sword of the spirit. Stay on our knees in our closets in prayer to God. Study God's word that we may cry aloud against sin.

I feel that there are too much divisions among the ministry; more especially when it comes to some of the doctrines—One especially on the sinners' new birth. I mean when the sinners stands out to himself wondering which is right. And, too, he is watching the conduct of the Christian; looking at their action toward each other. Satan is rising up in every form to defeat the church. He is teaching people it is not wrong to go to baseball games, moving pictures and other earthly pleasures on Sunday until the salt of the church has lost its Saving Power. Even the ministerial staff is going in too much for worldly follies.

There is one scripture which reads: "The Priest has erred."

I feel, dear friends, that as we have three ministerial and deacon unions annually that we should have one special session on each program to study the doctrines of the Baptist church and the doctrine of the new birth. So, we as ministerial brethren would preach one gospel putting a special aim at sin.

(1) I want to recommend that a man among us who is in the Johnston Association be appointed to give a Bible lesson in each sitting of the association, and union meeting.

(2) A committee be appointed at this session to bring in a man of our group to this teaching.

(3) That this man will be paid something for his services.

(4) That each delegate will come expecting to take a part in this Bible lesson.

5. We ask each church of this association to support the Unified Program.

WE SHOULD STUDY TO SHOW OURSELVES APPROVED BY GOD.

That each of our churches be asked and urged to support "The Unified Program."

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REPORT

Religious Education is as old as the Jehovah worship. The struggles of the early Hebrew people show very clearly that their major motive was to establish a certainty of the true and living God. Moses the greatest recognized leader of the Hebrew people spent a life of more than a hundred years in earnest and sincere endeavors to teach his people the reality of and the need of the religion of God. He gave his people the Ten Commandments which

are the world's greatest religious code. They are in themselves a resume of all human interest.

Joshua taught religion by precept and example. He pointed out the danger of false pretense and singled out the blessedness of sincerity. He was a man of deep conditions, of study will power and uncompromising decisions. He taught his people to make an immediate decision between Baal and Jehovah worship, and at the same time declared his own and his family's stand for God.

The prophet Elijah summoned the priest of Baal to a tryies-ing day on Mt. Carmel and when the priest of Baal could get no response from Baal their god Elijah grew righteously indignant and slew four hundred of the Baal priests. It was a crude and cruel method of dealing with those people who did not believe in his God, but it was an honest effort an Elijah's part to teach those people the reality and need of the true and living God.

The name of Jesus is synonomous with instruction with teaching, with information. He taught with authority. His themes were of the highest type. His philosophy was an abundant life in this world and the fullness of joy in the beyond. The love of God with all thy heart and thy neighbor as thyself was the basis upon which he built his great themes. His doctrine is pregnant with the correct standard of life, with the proper interpretation of justice, peace, love and service. The sermon on the mount is a condensed summary of his philosophy of life. In his final message to his disciples—he said "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing in the name of the Father and the son and the Holy Ghost. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you and lo I am with you always even unto the end the world."

In this brief synopsis of Religious Education we find ourselves face to face with the problems of carrying on. This ever changing social fabric makes the problems more complexed. The aged and youths of these latter days are much affected by these constant changes, this making the task of carrying on more difficult. There is, however sufficient encouragement to keep on keeping on in the promise "Lo I am with you always even unto the end of the world."

This associational group is concerned about doing its share of the work in Religious Education. We are renewing our strength and rededicating our services to this particular field of work. We are planning through the Daily Vocation Bible Schools and the Teacher Training courss for Sunday School worker.

The Work Done in This Year

On the fifth Sunday in May 1938 which was the 29th, a group of the Sunday School Convention officers and pastors met in the

First Baptist Church of Smithfield, N. C. and worked out a plan for our Religious Education activities for this year. Among those who were present were: President M. N. Lewis, Sec. John W. Mitchner, Mrs. M. N. Lewis, Mrs. C. V. Todd, Supt. H. G. Smith, Rev. C. H. Heath, Rev. Geo. W. Todd, Rev. N. C. Sanders, Rev. H. R. Holt and others whose names were not attained.

The plan decided was as follows:

1. Do four weeks work.
2. Work in two sections.
 - a. Smithfield and vicinity.
 - b. Clayton and vicinity, (two weeks in each.)
3. Group to work at each church in the vicinity simultaneously.
4. Local workers to do work.
5. Begin work on July 4, 1938.
6. Director of Religious Education organize and direct or supervise the work.

Work Done

1. Director contacted six schools as follows in the Smithfield vicinity and formed temporary organizations, Smithfield, Selma, Wilson's Mills, Oaky Grove, Galilee, and Four Oaks.

2. Work began on July 4, 1938 in Smithfield, Selma and Four Oaks, continued for a period of two weeks.

3. No. enrolled in the:	D. V. B. S.	Training Class
Smithfield	63	12.
Selma	150	25
Four Oaks	26	0
Total	239	37

No. finishing work in Training Class:

Smithfield, 1st Book 2; Smithfield, 2nd Book 6; Selma, 1st. Book 19. — Total 27.

4. Group of pupils from the Smithfield, Selma, and Four Oaks Daily Vacation Bible Schools composed the Young People's program at S. S. Convention at Selma July 23. One half of the work done in the Beginner's and Junior Departments.

5. Volunteer workers:— A number of our young men and Women volunteered their services free of charge to assist in the work. At Smithfield we had Mrs. Antionette Davis, Mrs. Nora McNeil, Mr. Julius Holden, Miss Helen Todd, Mrs. C. V. Todd and Rev. Geo. W. Todd. At Selma we had Mr. Wm. Sanders, Mrs. Augusta Bradshaw, Mrs. Lillian Turner, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Esther Broady, Mrs. Jessie Mial, Mrs. Odell Everett.

At Four Oaks we had Mrs. T. Rodgers. Mr. Ed. Rodgers and Pastor Rev. C. H. Heath, Miss Etta M. Rodgers. Also Mrs. Annette Davis and Mrs. Nora McNeil.

6. Finance:—

To carry out the foregoing plan the Sunday School Convention through the Executive Department advanced ten dollars (10.00) to the director to be used in paying for gas and oil to organize and supervise the work. The convention also secured board and lodging for five dollars (\$5.00) for the two weeks, and five dollars was given to the director for service. Making in all:

For general expense \$10.00, For board and lodging \$.500, For personal service \$5.00, Total \$20.00.

7. Why no more work was done:

We shall profit by our mistakes. We did not organize our plans until the last of May, which proved to be too late for an early beginning. We shall bear that in mind in the future.

Recommendations:

1. The Religious Education become a part of the work of Educational Board of the Sunday School Convention and the Educational Board of the Association combined.

2. That this combined Board work out a program for operation.

3. The general association with the Sunday School Convention and B. Y. P. U. Convention make an annual appropriation large enough to take care of that Department.

H. R. Holt

Director of Religious Education

Report of Treasurer for year ending Oct. 15, 1938.

MONEY RECEIVED

October 1937

Brought forward	\$265.15
From Finance Committee	238.05

May 29, 1938

Semi-annual Association	44.26
From Dawson St., Raleigh	2.15
From First Baptist, Kenly	2.20

DISBURSEMENTS

October 1937

To Rev. H. E. Clark, Cor. Sec.	1.00
To janitor Service	1.00
To Mrs. L. M. Holt, organist	1.50
To Rev. C. Heath, Auditor	1.50
To Bro. Joe Walden, home burned	2.00
To Bro. Cremore Sanders, sickness	2.00
To Sister Barnes, sickness	2.00
To Sister Carolina, sickness	2.00

To Sister Maggie Coley, sickness	2.00
To Rev. A. Jones, donation	2.00
To Clerk for Programs, Letters, Postage, etc.	5.00
To Rev G. W. Todd, Sermon	3.00
To Rev. H. R. Holt, Religious Education	3.00
To Rev. A. B. Johnson, Sermon	3.00
To Rev. M. L. Dawson, donation	3.00
To Rev. A. A. Hartly, Vice-Moderator	4.00
To Sister Roberta Bunn, donation	5.00
To Rev. R. Croket, Service and Sermon	5.50
To Rev. N. C. Sanders, Investigating Com.	10.00
To The Union Reformer	10.00
To Rev. W. C. Somerville, State Missions	10.00
To Mrs. Hattie Mitchiner and others sick	10.00
To Treasurer for Services	10.00
To Board Members Meeting	10.00
To First Church, Wilson Mills, donation	10.00
To Finance Committee	12.00
To Rev. J. W. Jones, Moderator	15.00
To Rev. A. B. Johnson, Clerk Service	35.00
To Shaw University, donation for Education	100.00
To Rev. G. W. Todd, State Convention	25.00
To Prof Collins, Johnston Co. Training School	25.00
To Board Meeting Expense	7.50
To A. F. Sanders for toilets on property	9.50
To Rev. H. R. Holt, loan	10.00
To Bro. G. H. Smith for S. S. Convention	7.00
To Rev. G. W. Todd, Committee on Schools	6.00
To Bro A. F. Sanders for having water connections on property	31.50
To Rev. A. B. Johnson, minutes	60.00
To Programs, Postage, Letters, etc.	5.0
To Rev. W. C. Somerville, State Missions	12.50
To The Union Reformer	5.00
To Rev. E. D. Pretty, Sermon	1.00
To Rev. G. W. Todd, pastor	5.00
To Johnston County Training School, donation	5.00
To Treasurer service	2.00
To Bro. Mayor Wilder, loan	25.00
To Rev. H. R. Holt for S. S. Convention	10.00
To Bro. C. C. Lewis, loan	50.00
To Mr. Wm. Sanders, loan	25.00
To S. S. Convention for G. H. Smith wreath	3.00

Unpaid Loans

Rev. H. R. Holt	\$10.00
Bro. Mayor Wilder	17.00
Bro. C. C. Lewis	17.00
Bro William Sanders	25.00

Respectfully submitted

W. H. Mitchiner, Treasurer

Report of Historian

The Johnston Baptist Association was organized in 1885 by a small group of our Pioneers in Kingdom building who have long since passed into the great beyond.

Fathers E. B. Blake, Wm. A. Sanders, H. S. Sanders, H. M. Jones and many others were among the charter members.

The moderatorship has passed as follows: Dr. A. W. Pegues, Revs. Wm. Ellerbee, W. A. Jones, J. C. Melton and our present beloved J. W. Jones.

Our association has had many trying struggles in passing through the many changing conditions, but at all times has successfully stayed above the average.

Quite a number of Christian leaders have been trained by the influence of the Association.

At present we have church membership of 2780; with 206 conversions for the present year.

In 1905 our association started a drive for Religious Education, purchasing the Associational School property and conducting a school for a number of years.

In recent years the property has been sold and tenant houses built that bring regular income, which is donated to Shaw University, and other religious training courses.

In 1935 a Semi-Annual Session was organized. It has been quite a success.

Respectfully,

John W. Mitchiner

We, your committee on New Bodies, recommend that the Walkers' Chapel Baptist Church, near Townsville, N. C., be admitted into this association as a full member.

Respectfully Submitted,

W. H. Mitchiner, R. Crocket, G. W. Todd,
D. M. Merritt, A. A. Hartly

Your committee on Revisal of Constitution recommend that Article 5 be changed to read: The officers of this association shall be Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Auditor, His-

torian and Director of Religious Education.

Respectfully Submitted,

H. R. Holt, F. V. Sanders, W. A. Hill, M.
N. Lewis

Your committee on Resolutions is pleased to acknowledge the courtesy and hospitality shown this association by this church and pastor. Recognizing the importance of a lively spiritual ministry and a suitable place of worship we recommend that the delegation will urge their people to provide as far as possible suitable and comfortable places for worship.

There is such a strong tendency to leave the church and worship and substitute something else.

We recommend and urge that we keep alive in our lives the idea of the value of the church and the necessity of supporting the same.

We feel that the officers of this body should be commended for the faithfulness which they have been and are discharging their duties.

Respectfully Submitted,

C. C. Somerville, Wm. McSwain, A. W. Penny,
A. L. Bridgers, Miss Chestina W. Frazier

We, your committee on Education, recognize the value of educational preparation.

1. Therefore, we recommend that we urge our people to avail themselves fully of public school education.

2. That we continue to support Shaw University by sending students there and otherwise.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. W. Mitchiner, Miss Lillian Hood, Chas. Kent
Mrs. L. M. Sanders, W. H. Horton, Mrs. L.
M. Davis, J. T. Hocutt

Since we are Missionary Baptist we recommend that our pastors and members do all in their power to organize a mission circle in each of our churches and strive to have it represented in our Union and in the Woman's Baptist State Convention.

That we do what we can to make the circles function properly.

Respectfully Submitted,

G. W. Todd, Mrs. R. Bunn, Geo. Oneal, J.
A. Mitchiner, E. C. Coley, J. T. Deans, Mrs.
Amelia Tomlinson, Miss Alpha Spells

We, your committee on Nomination of officers, recommend that the entire official staff be reelected, and that the following named be added to the Executive Board—Revs. P. A. McCoy and W. H. O. Watson, Bros. M. N. Lewis and W. A. Hill.

Respectfully Submitted,

R. Crocket, C. W. Wall, W. H. O. Watson,
T. J. Walker, W. H. Pair, P. A. McCoy, O.
W. Richardson, M. N. Lewis, Mrs. R. Bunn,
and Mrs. Gertrude Perry

Your committee on Sermons designates as follows: Introductory Sermon, Rev. W. S. Barnes; Educational Sermon, Rev. G. W. Todd; Missionary Sermon, Rev. N. C. Sanders; Doctrinal Sermon, Rev. H. E. Clark.

Respectfully Submitted,

A. A. Hartly, Ira Trotter, E. D. Pretty, H.
E. Clark, Wm. Dennis, Mrs. Lenora Mitchell,
R. Penny

According to information secured possibly more than 50 of our brothers and sisters have been claimed by death during the associational year. We lament the passing of our comrades in christian service. At the same time we commend their beautiful and helpful lives, and bow to the will of him that doeth all things well.

Respectfully Submitted,

E. D. Pretty, Thos. E. Davis, Jas. E. Thomas
Leander Sanders, Elliott Mitchell

We urge that we abstain from the use of all things to the extent they would prove harmful to us physically, mentally, morally and spiritually.

Respectfully Submitted,

C. W. Wall, Miss Sallie Ross, Mrs. Bettie Vin-
son, Jas. E. Thomas, Wm. Holder

The Galilee and the Oaky Grove Churches request the holding of the next annual session with them. We, your Committee on Place recommend that the next annual session be held with Galilee Baptist Church, Near Smithfield, N. C.

Respectfully Submitted,

H. E. Clark, G. W. Sanders, Percy Nicholas,
B. Barnes, Wm. Dennis, Elliot Mitchell, L.
B. Watson, Geo. Berry, Chas. Morgan, O. W.
Richardson and W. J. Sanders

Your Committee on Moderators Address commend it as whole, and recommend its adoption and recording in our minutes. We fur-

ther recommend that Rev. G. W. Todd be chosen the person to give instructions as indicated in the recommendations of the Moderators Address.

Respectfully Submitted,
G. W. Todd, H. E. Clarke, C. H. Heath

Your Committee on Disbursements recommend following distribution of funds be made.

To Rev. W. H. Pair, Sermon	\$ 3.00
To Rev. W. O. Merritt, Sermon	3.00
To Rev. R. Crocket, Sermon	3.00
To Rev. W. C. Somerville for Shaw University	100.00
To Rev. A. A. Hartly, Vice-Moderator	4.00
To Mrs. R. Bunn, donation	5.00
To Rev. W. H. Mitchiner, Treasurers Service	10.00
To Bro. A. F. Sanders, Expenses of Trustee	10.00
To Bro. Earle Stanback, Expenses Fin. Com.	12.00
To The Union Reformer	10.00
To Rev. J. W. Jones, Moderator	15.00
To Rev. H. E. Clark, Cor. Sec.	1.00
To Rev. C. H. Heath, Auditor	1.00
To White Oak Church, donation	10.00
To Bro. J. W. Mitchiner, Historian	2.00
To Rev. A. A. Hartly, Sermon	3.00
To Rev. H. R. Holt	5.00
To Rev. N. C. Sanders, Expenses of Disbur. Com.	4.00
To Rev. A. B. Johnson, Programs, Letters, Postage and Clerk service	40.00
To Bro. L. B. Watson, donation, on acct. loss by fire	2.00
To Rev. M. L. Dawson, donation	2.00

Respectfully,

N. C. Sanders, C. H. Heath, W. H. Mitchiner,
J. A. Byrd and R. L. Lassiter

Devotions began Saturday evening at 7:15 o'clock being in charge of Revs. O. W. Richardson and Wm. McSwain "Where shall I be," Hymn No. 437 was lined by Rev. Richardson. 1 John 5:1-9 was read by Rev. Coley. Rev. McSwain offered prayer. "Amazing Grace" was sung with Rev. Richardson leading.

The committee on Missions made report which was adopted.

Rev. W. O. Merritt accompanied by Rev. H. R. Holt made ready for the sermon of the hour. Rev. Holt lined hymn 387 and read a scripture. Dr. C. C. Somerville led in prayer. 2 Cor. 5:17 was the text selected by Rev. W. O. Merritt. He preached a great sermon emphasizing the logical deductions from the text.

An offering of \$4.07 was given

Benediction — Rev. W. O. Merritt

Summary Report of the Finance Committee:

Number of churches Represented	27
Money received from Churches	\$ 175.36
Money received from Ministers' Fees	23.50
Money received from Public Offerings	29.50

Respectfully Submitted,

A. F. Sanders, Percy Nicholas, C. H. Sanders
Earle Standback

Sunday Morning at 10:15 o'clock in absence of Mr. M. N. Lewis, A. B. Johnson superintended the Sunday School. Following a song selection, the 23rd Psalm was said in unison. Rev. W. H. O. Watson led the prayer including the Lord's prayer.

Classes were taught and reported as follows:

Dr C. Somerville	11 present, offering .....	.22
Mrs. Roberta Bunn	12 present, offering	\$.50
Deac. Earle Stanback	15 present, offering .....	.53
Mrs. C. M. Sanders	10 present, offering	2.50
Mrs. Gertrude Perry	6 present, offering .....	.58
Mr. W. J. Sanders	12 present, offering	1.00
Rev. E. C. Coley	offering .....	.61
Deacon Wm. Barnes	offering .....	.31

The lesson was summarized in a very interesting talk made by Dr. C. C. Somerville. Intermission was had.

At 11:30 o'clock Sunday morning the final meeting of the session began by singing hymn 161 led by Rev. A. A. Hartly. Eph. 4:1-15 was read by Rev. Hartly. Rev. Hinton was joined in prayer. The minutes of the previous day were read and approved. The Report of the Committee on Disbursements was read and adopted.

Rev H. R. Holt was presented as programmed to preach the doctrinal sermon. He delivered a great message with thoughts deduced from Eph. 4:5. The congregation was further moved by singing with Moderator Jones a hymn. A clinching talk on the sermon was made by Mrs. R. Bunn.

Rev. W. Willis, 414 E. Green Street, Wilson, N. C., paid annual fee of one dollar.

The public offering given made the sum of \$7.51.

Following the hearty singing of a hymn accompanied with hearty handshakes the 52nd annual session was adjourned to meet with the Galilee Baptist Church, near Smithfield, N. C., Rev. N. C. Sanders, pastor,— Friday morning, 10 o'clock, Oct. 13, 1939

Rev. J. W. Jones, Moderator

A. B. Johnson, Clerk

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS
New Bethel, Clayton.....	Rev. H. E. Clark, Wilson Mills.....	Beatrice Mitchell, R. 1, Clayton.....
Mt. Carmel, Pine Level....	Rev. C. W. Wall, R. 1, Box 146, Clayton.....	Miss Martha Williams.....
Green Hill, Smithfield....	Rev. R. Penny, R. 1, Clayton.....	Mr. Ned D. Barbour.....
Henson Chapel, Clayton..	Rev. P. A. McKay, Four Oaks.....	Mrs. Susier Watson.....
First Baptist, Selma.....	Rev. A. B. Johnson, 114 W. S. St., Raleigh.....	Mr. W. R. Bell, Selma.....
1st Baptist, Wilson Mills.	Rev. C. H. Heath, Wendell.....	Miss Mabel Smith, Wilson Mills.....
Oaky Grove.....	Rev. N. C. Sanders, R. 2, Clayton.....	J. B. Williams, R. 1, Clayton.....
Johnson P. Grove, Clayton	Rev. J. W. Powell, Box 547, W. Forest.....	A. A. Lassiter, R. 2, Box 114, Clayton.....
Excelsior, Smithfield....	Rev. H. E. Clark, Wilson Mills.....	Addie Lee, Smithfield.....
Green Chapel, Smithfield.	Rev. Wm. H. Mitchiner, Smithfield.....	Geo. Watson, Smithfield.....
Fayetteville St., Raleigh.	Rev. I. W. Jones, Raleigh.....	Mrs. Carrie Haywood, Raleigh.....
Southern Grove, Kenly..	Rev. O. W. Richardson.....	Miss Annie Joyner.....
Silva Chapel, Middlesex...	Rev. H. O. Watson, Zebulon.....	M. A. Holden, Box 60, Middlesex.....
Galilee, Smithfield.....	Rev. N. C. Sanders, R. 1, Clayton.....	H. B. Goodson.....
1st Baptist, Clayton.....	Rev. N. C. Sanders, Clayton.....	Arthur Reid, R. 1, Bailey.....
New Vester.....	Rev. W. H. Mitchiner, Smithfield.....	Mrs. R. L. Perry, 716 Smith St., Raleigh.....
Dawson St., Raleigh.....		Geo. Berry, Kenly.....
First Baptist, Kenly.....	Rev. S. F. Benjamin, Selma.....	N. G. Richardson, R. 4, Raleigh.....
Watts Chapel.....	Rev. R. Crockett, R. 2, Clayton.....	R. B. Leach, R. 1, Garner.....
Strickland Grove.....	Rev. C. H. Heath, R. 1, Wendell.....	Miss L. M. Hood, R. 1, Zebulon.....
Good Samaritan.....	Rev. C. H. Heath, R. 1, Wendell.....	L. B. Watson, R. 2, Clayton.....
Spring Hill.....	Rev. R. Crockett, R. 2, Clayton.....	H. G. Hodges, Smithfield.....
Lees Cross Roads.....	Rev. R. Crockett, R. 2, Clayton.....	B. F. Barnes, R. 1, Middlesex.....
First Baptist, Smithfield.	Rev. G. W. Todd, Box 44, Smithfield.....	Wm. Jefferson, R. 1, Box 9, Manson.....
White Oak Hill.....	Rev. W. S. Barnes, 808 W. Bd. St., W.H.I.....	Odessa Thomas, R. 1, Box 122, Benson.....
Walker's Chapel.....		
1st Baptist, Four Oaks....	Rev. P. A. McCoy, Four Oaks.....	

MINUTES
OF THE
FORTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
JOHNSTON DISTRICT BAPTIST SUNDAY
SCHOOL CONVENTION

Held With

THE FIRST BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL

SELMA, N. C. — JULY 23, 24, 1938

AND

EIGHTEENTH SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION

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SPRING HILL SUNDAY SCHOOL

Wendell, N. C., R.F.D. — November 26, 27, 1938

The Next Annual Session Will Convene With Good Samaritan
Sunday School, Garner N. C., Rt. 1, — July 21-23, 1939.

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Musical Director Rev. H. R. Holt, Box 1553, Durham

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C O N S T I T U T I O N

Article 1

This convention shall be known as the Johnston District Baptist Sunday School Convention.

Article 2

Its object shall be to awaken and establish a greater interest in Sunday School work, to better unite its forces, that religious principles may be incorporated in development and improvement of the people, to help support home, and foreign missions, and give such aid to other religious, charitable and benevolent institutions as the convention or Executive Board may deem just and proper.

That the President of the convention serve as general missionary to encourage the Sunday school workers and infuse life of the convention.

Article 3

This convention shall have jurisdiction over all the Missionary Baptist Sunday Schools composing its membership, and organize and regulate the means for the support of the Convention.

Article 4

The members of the Convention shall be composed of its ministers, officers and delegates, who, when assembled shall be known as Johnston District Baptist Sunday School Convention.

Article 5

The officers of the Convention shall be president, vice president, recording secretary, treasurer, musical director, auditor, six missionaries and executive board of seven, who shall be elected annually on the second of its regular sessions; term of officers to commence at the close of the session.

Article 6

It shall be the duty of the president to preside at all meetings, enforce an observance of the Constitution; decide points of order; and in case of a tie vote, give casting vote.

In the absence of the president, the vice president shall preside.

Article 7

It shall be the duty of the recording secretary to record the proceedings of each meeting of the Convention, superintend the printing of the minutes, and see that they are properly distributed among the Sunday Schools.

Article 8

It shall be the duty of the corresponding secretary to corres-

pond with the schools of this Convention and others upon matters pertaining to Sunday School or Convention work, to keep a record of all finances of the Convention and to issue all orders upon the treasury for disbursement.

Article 9

It shall be the duty of the treasurer to receive all finances sent up by the Sunday Schools or collected for conventional purposes during the interim of its annual or semi-annual session; also to pay out none except by order signed the corresponding secretary and president.

Article 10

It shall be the duty of the auditor to audit the accounts of the treasurer annally and report to the Convention.

Article 11

It shall be the duty of the Musical Director to encourage and promote the best music throughout the jurisdiction of the Convention and to direct the music at the sessions of the Conventions.

Article 12

It shall be the duty of the missionary to visit each Sunday School within the year, and infuse new inspiration and new life into the school, to confer with the superintendent and teacher on the best plans and methods of conducting Sunday School work; to organize new Sunday schools wherever practicable and beneficial, and to assist in the purchase of Bible lessons and such literature as will tend to help the schools and the pupils to acquire a greater and more useful knowledge of the Bible.

Article 13

It shall be the duties of the executive board to have control and supervision of the affairs of the Convention during the interim of its annual and semi-annual sessions to make such appromotions for to conduct of the business of the convention, and to carry out effectively the purpose outlined in articles two and eleven.

Article 14

The basis of representation shall be ten cents per capita and one dollars auxiliary, to be sent by representative.

Article 15

Any Sunday School wishing to become a member of the organization may do so be presented in writing, at any annual meetings, in petition and complying with the requirements of article fourteen.

Article 16

The Convention may invite visiting brethren to seats in the assembly and extend to them all the privileges and rights of the Convention, save voting.

Article 17

The annual session of the Convention shall meet Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July and the semi-annual session during the week before the fourth Sunday in November as may be agreed upon each year.

Article 18

An person or persons who are in good standing in their Sunday schools may become annual members of this Convention by payment of fifty cents.

Article 19

Those who assisted in the organization of this convention are life members, and other persons wishing to be life members may become such upon payment of one dollar at an annual session of this convention.

Article 20

The Convention shall retain a membership in the State Missionary Baptist Sunday School Convention and be represented annually in this Convention of Sunday School Workers.

Article 21

The president, secretary and treasurer shall be ex-officio members of the executive board.

Article 22

This Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of the present members at any annual meeting.

SCHOLARSHIP

The Johnston District Baptist Sunday School Convention will give annually a scholarship of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) to Shawshes an accredited high school with the highest honor.

University to the student in the bounds of the Convention who fini-

The applicant must have the highest average of all competing applicants, and must be a loyal and active Sunday School worker, and must submit a recommendation from his or her pastor and superintendent with their application.

Schools and Delegates Annual

First Baptist, Selma—William Sanders, Miss Marie Campbell
Miss Preusa Saunders, Rev. A. B. Johnson, Rev. J. Woodard
Kelly, Mrs. M. A. Lewis.

Strickland Grove, Four Oaks — Mrs. Mable Sanders.

Fayetteville St. Raleigh — Mrs. Hazel Sewell, Miss Eva Mae
Bass, Miss Hattie Bass.

Green Chapel, R. 2, Smithfield — Mr. Joe Brown, Mr. Frank
L. Penny.

White Oak Hill, R. 1, Middlesex — Rev. W. S. Barnes.

Dawson St., Raleigh — W. M. Giles.

St. Amanda, R. 1, Garner — Misses Annie Mae Penny, Mar-
tha Williams.

Clayton — Mrs. Mamie Hill —

Henderson Chapel, R. 1, Clayton — Misses Maizie E. Tom-
linsoun, Maizie Lee.

New Bethel, R. 2, Clayton — Misses Lillie Mitchell, Beatrice
Mitchell.

Oaky Grove, R. 1, Smithfield, Misses Trumilla Austria, Rox-
anna E. Pretty.

First Baptist, Kenly — Miss Christine Singletary, Mrs. Geo.
Berry.

First Baptist, Wilsons Mill — Miss Luetta Coley, N. A.
Bush, Miss Emma Lee McCullers.

Spring Hill, R. 1, Zebulon — Misses Sylvia Jackson, Lillie M.
Hood.

Watts Chapel, R. 4, Raleigh — Miss Luvenia Pettiford.

Mount Carmel, Pine Level — Miss Minnie William

Johnston Piney Grove, R. 1, Clayton — Miss Callie Mary
Kank Douglass Burt, Rev. Frank Emery, Ira Trotter, Rev. J.
W. Powell.

Lees Cross Roads, R. 2, Clayton — Misses Annie Eliza Ty-
son, Elsie Mae Watson, L. B. Watson.

First Baptist, Smithfield — Miss Hilda Rowe, Julius A. Hol-
den, George H. Smith, Miss Ida Mae Brown, Mrs. Lugenia M.
Sanders.

Good Samaritan, R. 1, Garner — Cedric Jones.

Green Hill, R. 1, Smithfield — Richard Moore, Ned F. Bar-
bour.

Excelsior, R. 1, Smithfield — W. A. Mitchener.

Galilee, R. 1, Smithfield — W. J. Sanders, Mrs. W. F. Bell

New Vester, R. 1, Bailey — Mrs. P. H. Williams.

Semi — Annual

Galilee, R. 1, Smithfield — Miss Louise T. J. Mitchener, E-

manuel H. Sanders, W. J. Sanders.

First Baptist, Selma — Rev. A. B. Johnson, Almon F. Smith, Mrs. Millie A. Lewis.

First Baptist, Smithfield — Mrs. Annete B. Davis, Mrs. Lugenia M. Sanders.

Fayetteville St., Raleigh — J. A. Byrd, Mrs. Hazel Sewell.

New Bethel, R. 1, Clayton — Rev. A. A. Heartly, Mrs. Eliott Mitchell.

White Oak Hill, R. 1, Middlesex — Russell Debnam, Miss Lydia B. Barnes, Rev. J. T. Hocutt.

Good Samaritan, R. 1, Garner — Cedric Hughes Jones.

Lees Cross Roads, R. 2, Clayton — Vick Whitley, L. B. Watson.

Spring Hill, R. 1, Zebulon — William Dunn, Leroy F. Sherrod, Miss Mary Frances Sherrod.

Henderson Chapel, R. 1, Clayton — Hercukle Lee Johnson.

Johnston Piney Grove, R. 1, Clayton — Rev. C. W. Wall.

Clayton — Mrs. Mamie M. Hill.

Visitors — Annual Convention

Perrell Wilder, Wilson Mills — Mrs. Roberta Bunn, Selma — Mrs. Evid E. Mory, Clayton — Rev. R. W. Underwood, Louisville — Q. C. Wall, Selma — W. J. Bell, R. 1, Smithfield — Daniel Diggs, R. 1, Smithfield — Rev. E. Wimberly, Tarboro — Rev. Hardie Pair, R. 1, Clayton — Mrs. Nora McNeil, Smithfield — Miss Pauline McNeil, Smithfield.

Rev. H. F. Clark, Wilsons Mill; Junius Barfield, R. 1, Smithfield — Alonzo Coley, Selma — Mrs. Annette B. Davis, Smithfield — Mrs. Lucy Findely, R. 1, Clayton — Miss Bessie Sanders, Smithfield — Miss Charlotte Sanders, Smithfield — Mrs. Lovie M. Davis, Clayton — Prof. W. R. Collins, Smithfield — Prof. Willard J. McLean, Selma — Mrs. Willard J. McLean, Selma — Rev. Jessie A. Mitchener, Clayton — Rev. E. D. Pretty, R. 1, Smithfield — Miss Laura E. Sanders, R. 1, Clayton — Thurman Holt, Wilsons Mills — Mrs. Amelia Tomlinson, Smithfield — Miss Doris Janet Eason, Selma — Prof. W. S. King, Selma — Miss Nemeta Balentine, R. 4, Raleigh — Mrs. George H. Smith, Smithfield.

Semi—Annual

Charlie Wall, Jr., R. 1, Clayton — Rev. R. Crocket, R. 2,

Clayton — Miss Macfield Horton, Zebulon — Mrs. Lenora Mitchell, Clayton — Miss Beatrice Mitchell, R. 2, Clayton — Mrs. Fannie Oneal, Zebulon — Miss Mamie Horton, R. 1, Zebulon — Miss Thelma Godwin, R. 1, Zebulon — Mrs. Dela Holden, R. 1, Zebulon — Mrs. Algia Williams, R. 1, Zebulon — Miss Eula Mae Holder, R. 1, Zebulon — Miss Gaybell Barnes, R. 1, Middlesex—Mrs. Pollie A. Whitley, R. 2, Clayton — Mearimon Judkins, R. 1, Clayton — Mrs. Nancy Dunn, R. 2, Clayton — Ben Sanders, Smithfield, Mrs. Hattie B. Watson, R. 2, Clayton—Rev. C. H. Heath, R. 1, Wendell; Mrs. Annie B. Oneal, R. 1, Middlesex; Prof. W. J. McLean, Selma; Mrs. Hattie L. Watson, R. 1, Zebulon; Elders John D. Henry, Clayton; Miss Doris McNeil, Clayton; Wm. Dunn Jr., R. 2, Clayton.

PROCEEDINGS ANNUAL SESSION

SATURDAY MORNING — SELMA, N. C. JULY 23, 1938

The Johnston District Baptist Sunday School Convention convened in its Forty-Ninth Annual Session with the First Baptist Sunday School of Selma.

Devotions led by Revs. E. Wimberly and H. R. Holt.

Opening Hymn — "Glory To His Name." The 18th chapter of 1 Cor. was read by Rev. Wimberly. Invocation by Rev. Holt. — Followed by a song feast No. 55 "If Jesus Go With Me," — No. 34 "I am Thine," No. 44 "More About Jesus," and No. 35 "Onward Christian Soldiers."

Preliminary remarks by Pres. M. N. Lewis.

Echoes by the following schools — Fayetteville Street — Mrs. Hazel Sewell — Making rapid progress.

Galilee — Mr. W. J. Sanders — Evergreen, hoping to reach the top.

Lees Cross Road — Miss Elsie Mae Watson — Doing fine.

St. Amanda — Miss Annie Mae Penny — Progressing nicely.

Wilsons Mill — Miss Louella Holt — Still Growing.

Kenly — Mr. George Berry — Improving.

Henderson Chapel — Miss Mazie Lee — Pressing forward.

Piney Grove — Mr. Douglass Burt — Still making progress.

New Bethel — Miss Lina Mitchell — Working for success.

Good Samaritan — Mr. Cedric Jones — Trying to improve.

Watts Chapel — Miss Lugenia Pettiford — Still on the upward road.

Oaky Grove — Miss Trumilla Austin — Doing well.

Smithfield — Mr. Julius Holden, Jr. — Making rapid progress.

Clayton — Mrs. Mamie Hill — Hoping to grow.

Green Hill — Mr. N. D. Barbour — Ask interest of your prayers.

Excelsior — Mr. W. A. Mitchener — Praying for success.

Selma — Mr. William Sanders — Continue to progress.

Then to our delight Rev. R. W. Underwood of Louisburg, N. C. brought us friendly greetings.

Discussion— "Evangelicism In The Beginners Class" by Mrs. Annette B. Davis.

Mrs. Davis says this group should be evangelized by illustrating and teaching them gospel principles in their little problems.

"Evangelism In The Junior Class by Mrs. W. D. Bell, Mrs. Bell proves this is the correct age to lead pupils to accept Christ.

Choir Selection:—"Brighten The Corner". — Then Pres. M. N. Lewis was presented by Vice Pres. J. A. Byrd for his annual address — Subject: "Evangelism," Witty, Timely and inspiring much enjoyed.

Singing — "Soldier Of The Cross," Comments by Rev. H. Pair. — Then Rev. E. Wimberly of Tarboro was presented and

Rev. H. R. Holt, Director Of Religious Education made his annual report; showing a busy year with training courses in three paid high tribute to our work.
schools.

Appointment of Committees

Benediction Rev. J. W. Powell

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

The Convention reassembled at 2:00 P. M. Devotions was led by Rev. J. W. Powell — Opening Hymn—"At The Cross."

Scripture Lesson Mark 8:30 — 9:8 by Rev. Powell.

Prayer by Rev. P. A. McKoy.

Singing — "When The Roll Is Called" — Discussion — Evangelism In The Intermediate Class by Miss Laura E. Sanders, Miss Sanders assures us at this age the young folks should be given special training for christian service.

"Evangelism In The Young Peoples Class" by Mrs. Mamie Hill — Mrs. Hill says this is the group that should be started at actual evangelism.

"Evangelism In The Adult Class by Mr. Douglass Burt and Mr. William Sanders, they assured us that evangelism is Christ's direct program and the adults should be busy daily at it.

Singing No. 52 "Be Not Dismayed," also No. 43 "Beulah Land."

Report of Missionaries; Rev. C. W. Wall \$5.05, Mr. L. B. Watson \$3.50, Mr. N. A. Bush \$11.25, Mr. J. A. Bryd \$3.70.

At this moment the following delegation from the Wake County Sunday School Conv. Convening with Wakefield Baptist Sunday School Zebulon, N. C., brought delightful greetings and commended our conventional work very highly; Viz. Dr. G. W. Moore, Rev. and Mrs. G. S. Stokes, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Malone.

Singing No. 51 "He Is My Friend."

The following visitors were presented and welcomed: Miss Capehart of Edenton, N. C.—Miss E. B. Hicks, Mrs. M. V. Morris, Miss V. L. Perry, Mrs. Carrie Barnes and Mr. T. R. Blount of Durham, North Carolina.

The following committees reported, Resolution, Temperance, Condolence, State and Condition of Country, Education, Place and Officers (All adopted, see reports).

By motion Pres. M. N. Lewis and Mr. Julius Holden were elected delegates to the State Convention — The offering \$3.10 was taken by Rev. P. A. McKoy and Mr. A. J. Powell.

Benediction by Rev. J. W. Powell.

SATURDAY EVENING

At 7:30 P. M. The Convention reassembled, Devotions were led by Mr. Alonzo Coley and Mr. Cedric Jones.

Opening Song No 43 "Beulah Land" — Scripture Lesson — Mark 2:1—10. — The Lords Prayer led by Mr. Cedric — Jones. Then we were delighted to enjoy the annual concert which was of a very high order, together with demonstrations from th Daily Vocational Bible Schools.

Offering \$2.00 taken by Revs. R. Penny and C. W. Wall.

Benediction Rev. H. R. Holt.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Schma, North Carolina — July 24, 1938

The Johnston Baptist District Sunday School Convention convened in the annual Conventional Sunday School, Pres. M. N. Lewis presiding.

Opening Song — No. 21 Holy! Holy! Holy! — Invocation by Rev. J. W. Powell — Reading the Call To Worship, alternately.

Singing No. 5 "Stand Up For Jesus. — Devotional Reading Gen. 26:13—16.

Singing No. 4 "Jesus Lover Of My Soul." — Subject: Gideon Following God's Plan. — General Lesson Text: Judges 6:1—8:35 Print — Judges 7:4—7, 15—23. — Golden Text: Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage, Josh. 1:9.

Time — About B. C. 1250 — 1249

Place — Ophrah in Manasseh.

Analysis

1. Jehovah Proves the Army of Gideon V. 4—7.
2. Getting Orders and Executing Them V. 15—18.
3. The Marvelous Victory V. 19—23.

CLASS REPORTS

Teacher	Pupils	\$
1 Mrs. Hazel Sewell	12	1.61
2 Miss Elsie Mae Watson	3	.26
3 Mr. Junius Holden, Jr.	5	1.18
4 Miss Mazie Tomlinson .....		.08
5 Miss Louvenia Pettiard	7	1.65
6 Mr. Douglass Burt		1.00
7 Miss Trumilla Austin .....		.25
8 Rev. C. W. Wall .....		.60
9 Mr. Cedric Jones .....		.35
10 Mr. Richard Moore .....		.25
11 Miss Annie Mae Penny .....		.18
12 Miss Luetta Coley .....		.15
13 Miss L. M. Hood	7	1.00
14 Mrs. W. D. Bell	13	1.50
15 Mrs. Mary Blake	14	1.50
16 Mrs. Lillian Sanders	16	.75
Total	77	12.31

Banner Class Miss Louvenia Pettiard \$1.65.

Report of Corresponding Sec. and Treasurer showing a balance of \$9.33.

Prof. W. R. Collins was presented and gave us a very beautiful summary of the past seven years of Conventional work.

The Prof. W. J. McLean paid a very high tribute to the work done in religious education and urged us to push forward our young boys and girls.

Report of Committee on Pres. Address (Adopted see report)

Intermission.

CHURCH SERVICE

11:30 P. M. Prelude followed by the Choir Processional—Invocation by Rev. A. B. Johnson; — Chant — Praise Him.

Opening Hymn No. 55.

Scripture Lesson—Mark 6 Chapter by Rev. A. A. Heartley; Prayer by Rev. W. S. Barnes. — Solo Make My Life What It Ought To Be.

Mission Offering — Prayer by deacon W. H. Freeman.

Singing — Sweet Hour Of Prayer --- Announcements; Singing No. 286 "My Hope Is Built. — Then Vice Pres. J. A. Byrd presented Rev. J. H. Clanton, Director of Religious Education of North Carolina to preach the annual sermon.

Rev. Clanton used for a text Mark 6:48—50. Subject: "Contrary Winds A Medium to Success."

(a) Hardships makes One strong and determined.

(b) Oppression was the means of causing the early gospel message to be scattered over the earth and win the religious success we have today.

Truly this was a sermon of power and far-reaching thought.

Solo and Chorus by Mrs. John Everett and Choir. — Offering taken by Rev. Dock Perry and Bro. W. J. Wilder \$3.07 — Solo "Jesus Make My Life What It Ought To Be," by Miss Camel.

Final report for this session \$182.46 — Thus the Forty-ninth Annual Session passed into history.

Benediction — Rev. H. R. Holt.

SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION

Saturday Morning

The Johnston District Baptist Sunday School Convention convened in its Eighteenth Sem-Annual Session with the Spring Hill Sunday School.

The devotions were led by Rev. A. A. Hartley and Bro. J. A. Byrd.

Opening Song: Draw Me Nearer; Scripture Lesson: John 16: 1-11 and prayer by Rev. Heartley; second hymn: Leaning On the Everlasting Arms.

Preliminaries by Pres. M. N. Lewis. Echoes by the following School: Fayetteville St., Mrs. Hazel Sewell, Doing nicely but not up to standard.

Good Samaritan, Mr. Cederic Jones, Still alive, striving to do better.

Smithfield, Mrs. Annette B. Davis, Doing well.

Oaky Grove, Mr. Meariman Judkins, Doing fine, enrollment better than last year.

Selma, Mr. Almon Smith, Doing fine.

Lees Cross Roads, Mr. Vick Williams, Moving forward.

White Oak. Rev. J. T. Hocutt, On the march.

Spring Hill, Mr. Leory Sherrod, Doing very good.

Henderson Chapel, Mr. Hercules Johnson, Getting along fine.

Four Oaks, Rev. C. H. Heath, Doing nicely.

Clayton, Miss Doris McNeil, Doing just fine.

Piney Grove, Rev. C. W. Wall, Getting along very well.

Enrollment. At this time Elder John D. Henry was presented and brought delightful and interesting from the Disciples of Christ

Discussion —“What Effect Do Church Schools Have on the Moral Life of A Community? by Pro. W. J. McLean.

Among many other things Pro. McLean said the church school should teach its pupils to see that the master came to save men and in turn when they are saved, they should seek to save others. Also teach them to reverence the house of the Lord, and cut out swing music in the Church.

Discussion—“To What Extent Should The Public School Take An Active Part In The Church School of the Community?” — Was pleasingly discussed by Mrs. Lougenia M. Sanders. Mrs. Sanders says every public school teacher should have religion and work hand in hand with the preacher in the religious program, also the teacher should acquire knowledge of the Bible and Christ.

Mr. Ben Sanders very interestingly discussed the same subject.

Singing—“Draw Me Nearer.”

Rev. A. B. Johnson brought us many practical thoughts, also showed appreciation for our support of the Union Reformer and Sunday School Book Store and asked continuance of the same.

Remarks by the entertaining pastor, Rev. R. Crocket, Lecture, by Pres. M. N. Lewis—Subject: “Sunday School Officers and Teachers,” very fatherly and timely, enjoyed by all.

Report from Scholarship Committee awarding the 1938 Scholarship to Miss Margaret Judkins of Oaky Grove, Clayton, Rt. 1.

Rev. A. A. Hartley came forward with some very timely suggestions for our race, relative to jobs and choosing books.

Mr. W. J. Sanders was appointed to serve the unexpired term of the late G. W. Smith as Trea. until next annual convention.

Missionary J. A. Byrd reports \$4.00 from his district.

Owing to the fast falling snow it was decided to close the convention immediately today for the session.

Offering taken by Bros. Almen Smith and W. J. Sanders; \$2.55 Total for this session, \$32.80.

Benediction by Rev. A. B. Johnson.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Place

We your committee on place wish to submit the names of schools extending invitations for our next convention. Viz: Good Samaritan and Spring Hill.

We recommend that the annual convention convene with Good Samaritan and the Semi-Annual with Spring Hill.

Respectfully,

W. J. Sanders, George Bessy, Miss Beatrice Mitchell, William Sanders, William Mitchener

Officers

We, your committee on officers beg to nominate the following persons for the ensuing year. Pres. Mr. M. N. Lewis; Vice Pres. Mr. J. A. Bryd; Recording Sec. Mrs. Lottie M. Holt; Treasurer Mr. G. H. Smith; Auditor Mr. Douglas Burt; Musical Director Rev. H. R. Holt, Executive Board—Mr. C. H. Sanders, Mr. C. C. Lewis, Prof. George D. Vinson, Mr. J. A. Byrd, Mr. W. A. Bell, Miss Nancy J. Williams, Mr. Columbus Mitchener.

Respectfully,

Miss Lillie M. Hood, Cedric H. Jones, Miss Martha Williams, Mrs. W. D. Bell, Rev. H. E. Clark

(Adopted)

Condolence

We your committee on Condolence wish to report the names of the following persons who have passed into the great beyond since our last Annual Convention. Selma—Mr. John Kelly, Mrs. Malinda Morgan, Mrs. Bettie Edwards, Mrs. Ida. Sanders, Mrs. Caroline Richardson.

Lees Cross Roads—Mr. Demp Richardson, Mr. J. J. Jerry, Oaky Grove—Mr. Modcai Stevens, Mr. Wyatt Hines.

Good Samaritan—Mrs. Mary F. Jones.

Smithfield—Miss Liza Powell, Miss Julia Sanders.

Let us bow in humble submission to our Heavenly Father's will.

Respectfully,

Miss Rubie L. Sanders, Miss Annie Eliza Tyson, Joe Brown, Miss Mazie Tomlinson, Frank L. Penny, Richard Moorc

(Adopted)

Resolution

Whereas the entertainment of the First Baptist Church of Selma nature, which has seldom, if ever been excelled by any church and pastor:

Therefore be it resolved that we tender them a standing vote of thanks for their hospitality and pray God's richest blessings and pastor Rev. A. B. Johnson has been of such a satisfactory upon them.

Respectfully,

Ned D. Barbour, Miss Mazie Lee, Miss Emma
L. McCullers, Miss Christine Singletary, Mrs.
L. B. Watson

(Adopted)

State and Condition of Country

We, your committee wish to submit the following report: That through the combined aids coming from the newly organized workers unions and farmers associations, the betterment of general conditions are insured.

Respectfully,

Julius A. Holden, Jr., Miss Lillia Mitchell, Miss
Mazie Campbell, Miss Luetta Coley, Mrs. Evie
Emory, Douglas Burt

(Adopted)

Temperance

We, your committee on Temperance beg to make the following report.

We should not indulge in anything that is harmful to our bodies, not only strong drinks but also food, also we should learn to eat the right kind of food.

Always teach against harmful drugs.

Respectfully,

Mrs. Hazel Sewell, Mrs. Trumilla Austin, Miss
Sylvia Jackson, Miss Annie Penny

(Adopted)

Education

We, your committee on Education beg to submit the following report:

Noting that education is making a strong appeal to young people, it is clear that they are objects to this appeal and are called

upon to give themselves in response to this appeal.

We notice that some are failing to respond and give as their reason, no employment after preparing yourself.

We believe that the time has come when young men and women should not find excuses, but fully prepare themselves to meet the complex conditions of this world.

The Snday School realizing this fact concerning education, we beleive it has been instrumental in guiding the present day to this type of education.

We urge that this Convention continue to endorse religious education and continue to give the Scholarship on compitive bases.

We also recommend that when one qualifies for the Scholarship and fails to take advantage of it, that the second highest competitor be given the scholarship.

We further recommend that Shaw University be the school of our choice and that we contribute largely to its support in finance and students.

We recommend that the Convention give financial support continually to the Daily Vocational Bible School and Teachers Training Course within its bounds.

Respectfully,

Rev. J. Woodard Kelly, Mrs. Luvenia Pettiford,
Miss Elsie Mae Watson, Mrs. Mammie Hill, N.
A. Bush

(Adopted)

President's Address

We, your committee on the Presidents Address, after careful consideration of the President's address and especially his consideration and recommendation of evangelism in the Sunday School we heartily commend him for his vision and protest.

We, therefore, urge that we fully endorse what he says and recommend that the address be the criterion for our Sunday Schools and Sunday School Convention.

Respectfully,

Rev. H. R. Holt, Rev. J. W. Powell, Rev. E.
Wimberly, Rev. A. B. Johnson, Rev. H. Pair,
Mrs. P. H. Williams

COLLECTIONS

BALANCE	\$ 9.33
Sunday Schools	67.75

Missionaries	23.30
Building Rent	60.00
Public Collections	22.08
Total	182.46

DISBURSEMENTS

Annual Convention	
J. W. Mitchener—Services, Programs, etc.	\$22.16
L. B. Watson—Missionary	1.40
J. A. Byrd—Missionary	1.20
N. A. Bush—Missionary	4.46
Rev. C. W. Wall—Missionary	2.02
Selma Church—Donation	5.00
M. N. Lewis—Services	15.00
G. H. Smith—Services	6.00
Mrs. L. M. Holt—Services and expenses	5.00
Mrs. L. M. Sanders—Services	3.00
State Convention	25.00
Junius Holden, Jr.—Delegate to State Convention....	7.00
Ira Trotter—Services	2.00
Union Reformer—Donation	5.00
A. F. Sanders—Toilet, repairs, insurance, etc.	50.00
Rev H. R. Holt—Board and expenses	10.00
Total	\$164.24
Balance	\$18.22

SEMI-ANNUAL CONVENTION

Collection	
From A. F. Sanders	\$ 2.00
Sunday Schools	23.75
Missionaries	4.50
Public Collection	2.55
Total	\$32.80
Disbursements	
J. W. Mitchener—Bal. salary, Programs, Postage	\$ 7.52
J. A. Byrd—Missionary	1.60
Leory F. Sherrod—Sexton Services	2.00
Total	\$11.12
Balance	\$21.68

SCHOOL	SUPERINTENDENT	ADDRESS OF SUPERINTENDENT	SECRETARY	Officers	Teachers	Males	Females	Bible Readers	Total Scholars	Converts	Joined Church	Annual Convention	Semi-Annual Convention	Given Missionary
Fayetteville Street.	H. S. Baker.	315 Haywood St., Raleigh.	Hazel Sewell.	20	14	50	100	125	150	20	75	10.00	5.00	2.00
New Vester.	W. M. Darden.	Bailey.	Lillie May Boykin.	8	4	20	25	30	45	21	17	1.00	1.00	.50
Green Chapel.	George Watson.	Smithfield, R. 2.	Sarah Williams.	4	3	12	11	15	23	6	7	2.00	1.00	.50
Dawson Street.	Dock Perry.	Haywood St., Raleigh.	Odell Robinson.	2	2	6	8	10	14		2	1.00	1.00	1.70
Strickland Grove	Garland Rodgers.	Four Oaks.	Etta Mae Rodgers.	5	3	30	25	45	55	6	4	1.00	1.00	.60
Clayton	Mrs. Mamie M. Hill.	229 Washington Ave.	Gilmo Morgan.	11	6	40	40	60	80	5	5	4.00	2.00	1.05
Smithfield	C. B. Watson.	Smithfield.	Hilda Rowe.	8	12	40	60	80	100	20	18	5.00	1.00	...
Selma.	Almon F. Smith.	110 Summer St., Selma.	Edner Reed.	5	14	40	70	110	18	4	4	5.00	3.00	...
White Oak	William Barnes.	Middlesex, R. 1.	Lydia B. Barnes.	7	4	20	20	30	40	27	30	2.00	1.25	...
Lees Cross Roads	L. B. Watson.	Clayton, R. 2.	Catherine Penny.	13	6	18	20	21	38	3	4	3.00	2.00	3.00
Henderson Chapel.	E. D. Sanders.	Clayton, R. 1.	Daisy Lee.	4	5	7	13	15	20	5	5	1.00	.50	1.50
Spring Hill.	Leroy F. Sherrod.	Zebulon, R. 1.	Hettie L. Watson.	5	3	20	30	35	50	19	19	1.50	1.50	.50
Good Samaritan.	Parion C. Tomlinson.	Garner, R. 1.	Atrice Jones.	9	5	20	30	38	50	25	25	3.00	2.00	1.00
Galilee.	W. J. Sanders.	Smithfield, R. 1.	Christine Sanders.	17	10	33	21	40	54	9	8	5.40	1.00	4.05
New Bethel.	Elliott Mitchell.	Smithfield, R. 2.	Beatrice Mitchell.	8	4	22	21	26	43	9	6	3.00	.50	1.50
St. Amanda.	Ralph Bridgers.	Garner, R. 1.	Martha Williams.	11	5	20	30	40	50	8	12	2.00	1.00	1.00
Oaky Grove.	Joseph Judkins.	Clayton, R. 1.	Malissa B. Lassiter.	7	6	20	30	35	50	3	2	2.05	1.00	3.10
Kenly.	George Berry.	Kenly.	Jessie Banks.	11	2	12	13	17	25	2	2	1.50	...	...
Wilsons Mill.	Pernell Wilder.	Wilsons Mill.	Luetta Coley.	7	4	10	14	18	24	1	1	3.00	...	1.55
Watts Chapel.	Wm. Dennis.	Raleigh, R. 4.	Christeen Baletine.	18	18	33	43	70	76	10	8	5.00	...	...
Mount Carmel.	Cora Williams.	Pine Level.	Callie M. Peacock.	4	2	5	10	10	15		3	3.00	...	.50
Piney Grove.	Frank Emery.	Clayton, R. 1.	Rozetta Barfield.	18	6	25	40	45	65	3	3	2.25	...	1.15
Green Hill.	Richard Moore.	Smithfield.	Mamie Mitchener.	10	4	18	21	25	39			2.25	...	...
Excelsior.	W. A. Mitchiner.	Smithfield, R. 1.		8	3	7	11	10	18			1.00	...	...

MINUTES
of the
 THE THIRTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION
of the
 JOHNSTON DISTRICT B. Y. P. U. CONVENTION
Held with the
 FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH B. Y. P. U., SELMA, N. C.
 JULY 27, 1938, and the SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION Held with
 The SPRING HILL CHURCH, NOVEMBER 25, 1938

Officers

President: Rev. C. H. Heath, Rt. 1, Wendell; Vice-President: Mr. Douglas Burt, Rt. 1, Clayton; Recording Secretary: Mrs. C. V. Todd, 400 Caswell St., Smithfield; Cor. Sec. Miss Nemeta Ballentine, Rt. 4, Raleigh; Treasurer: Mr. R. B. Leach, Rt. 1, Clayton.

Executive Board

Rev. C. H. Heath, Mr. Douglas Burt, Mrs. C. V. Todd, Mr. James Ballentine, Rev. C. W. Wall, Mr. W. H. Hill, Mr. Alonzo Coley, Rev. P. A. McCoy, Rev. A. A. Harter and Mr. J. D. Carrol.

Missionaries

Mr. James Ballentine, Raleigh District; Mrs. W. D. Bell, Galilee District; Mrs. R. B. Leach, Good Samaritan District; Mrs. Katie Watson, Lees' Cross Road District.

Constitution

Article 1. This convention shall be known as the Johnston District Baptist Young People's Union Convention.

Article 2. Its object shall be to create and promote a greater awakening among the young people of the study of the Bible, and inculcate deeper religious principles in the minds of both young and old, that they may be stirred to greater christian activity; and to help faithful weak churches within its jurisdiction and give such aid to other religious, charitable and benevolent causes or institutions as this convention or Executive Board may deem wise and fitting.

Article 3. This convention shall have advisory oversight of all B. Y. P. U.'s composing its membership, organize B. Y. P. U.'s and advise as to the regulation of the ways and means of the Convention.

Article 4. The members of this Convention shall be composed

of its officers and delegates, who, when assembled, shall be known as the Johnston District Convention.

Article 5. The officers of this Convention shall be: President, Vice President, Recording secretary, Corresponding secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, Executive board of five, and nine missionaries all of whom shall be elected biennially, with the exception of the missionaries, who shall be appointed by the president.

Article 6. The election of officers shall be held at the session of the convention each two years. Nothing contained in Article 5 shall be so interpreted or misconstrued as to disqualify any officer of being eligible to term of office to begin at the close of sessions.

Article 7. It shall be the duty of the president to preside at all meetings, decide points of order in case of vote use his discretion which shall be final. In the absence of the president the vice president or his appointee shall preside.

Article 8. It shall be the duty of the recording secretary to minute the proceeding of each session of the convention and other duties connected with the office of the recording secretary.

Article 9. It shall be the duty of the treasurer to receive all finance sent for the convention, all purposes during the session or between sessions and pay out none except duly authorized.

Article 10. It shall be the duty of the executive board to have control and supervision of the convention during the interim of the annual session, making appropriations, and to carry out effectively the purposes outlined in Article two.

Article 11. The annual session of the convention shall begin 10 A. M. one day prior to the opening of the Johnston dist. Baptist Sunday School Convention at the specified time and place.

Article 12. This constitution may be altered or amended by a two-third majority of members present at any session.

PROCEEDINGS

Selma, N. C. July 22, 1938

The Johnston District B. Y. P. U. Convention opened its thirteenth annual convention at 11 a. m. with the First Baptist Church — B. Y. P. U. Devotions were led by Messrs. William Sanders and Credie Jones. — Music was rendered by the Choir, greetings from the president were brief. The programs were adopted by motion. Echoes were heard from eight active B. Y. P. U.'s which showed improvement in their local work. Enrollment.

Some encouraging remarks were made by the Rev. J. W. Jones. Announcements were given by the pastor, Rev. A. B. Johnson.

Offering \$1.70 — Benediction

Afternoon Session


2:00 P. M. — Several selections were rendered by the choir. Devotions conducted by Rev. H. R. Holt and Mr. James Ballentine which were spiritual. Topic "A Strong Constitution the Basis for True Christianity" was ably discussed by Mr. Julius Holden Jr. He discussed first, determination; Second, persistency; third, perseverance, and fourth, character in that he brought together a strong basis for true christianity. Music by the Choir. Next in order was the president's address. His subject was "God Has provided better things for us." His message was very good. It was received and adopted by motion. Music, Address by the Rev. James Woodard Kelly, subject — "Maintaining Personal Efficiency" which was in keeping with the conventional theme. It was very well delivered. After which reports of missionaries were made. Mrs. Kattie Watson reported her work doing well, collected \$4.00 Mrs. R. B. Leach reports very good work, collected \$3.70. Mrs. W. D. Bell reports her people taking on new life. Collection taken amount \$2.10. — Adjournment.

EVENING SESSION

8:00 P. M. Devotions conducted by Revs. E. D. Pretty and Alonzo Coley which was very much enjoyed by all. Then a local program was rendered with welcome address. The convention was indeed made to feel welcome after which the young people's program followed with a spirit of interest and inspiration. Music by the choir. Sermon by Rev. H. E. Clark. Collection — \$4.00.

Committee on Education, North Carolina is making rapid progress in providing adequate facilities for the education of its youth. This is evident by increasing numbers of consolidated elementary schools, more and better equipped high schools and standard A grade colleges. We, the committee on education, wish to recommend and urge that the youth of our group avail themselves of the opportunities offered them to prepare themselves for efficient life services.

Respectfully signed,
Miss Emma Lee McCullers
Mrs. Annettá B. Davis
Mrs. Roberta Bunn
Mr. Frank Penny
Mr. Cedric Jones
Rev. H. R. Holt
Mr. Everett W. Mitchiner



Annual Financial Report Semi Annual

Fayetteville St.	\$ 2.00	
Lee's Cross Road	2.00	\$ 1.00
Good Samaritan	2.50	1.00
St. Amanda	1.00	
Green Chapel	1.00	1.00
Wilson Mill	1.00	
1st. Baptist, Selma	2.00	.50
Galilee	1.00	.50
1st. Bapt. Smithfield	1.00	1.00
Semi-Annual		
New Hill	\$.25	
Spring Hill .....	.30	
Silver Chapel .....	.50	
Clayton	1.00	

Annual		Semi-Annual
Public Collection	\$ 7.88	\$ 4.25
Mission Mrs. R. B. Leach ..	3.70	1.00
Mrs. Katie Watson ...	4.00	8.55
Mrs. W. D. Bell ...	3.00	James Ballentine ..... .40
Special .....	.32	
Brought Forward	5.36	

Disbursements

Annual		Semi-Annual
Rev. H. E. Clark	2.00	Rev. P. A. McCoy 2.00
Mrs. R. B. Leach	1.40	.40
Mrs. W. D. Bell	1.20	
Mrs. Kattie Watson	1.60	3.20
Programs	2.33	1.33
Secretary	3.85	1.25
President	4.00	
Cor. Secretary .....	.75	
Treasurer	1.50	1.75
Vice Pres. ....	.50	Mrs. McNeil 1.57
James Ballentine	1.50	
W. M. Sanders .....	.50	
Rev. H. R. Holt .....	.25	
Delegate State Conv.	4.00	
Johnston County Project ..	3.00	
State Convention	3.00	

